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Credentials of representatives to the twenty-eighth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Mr. Øyvind **Hernes** (Norway)

1. On 11 June 2018, the twenty-eighth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed, on the proposal of the President, a credentials committee consisting of the following States parties: China, Finland, Ghana, Lesotho, Myanmar, Norway and Ukraine.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 12 June 2018, and elected Øyvind Hernes (Norway) as Chairperson and Daryna Horbachova (Ukraine) as Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation.

3. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 12 June 2018, on the status of credentials of representatives of States parties participating in the twenty-eighth Meeting.

4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of 12 June 2018, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 69 States parties participating in the twenty-eighth Meeting: Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belgium, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Eswatini, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Myanmar, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Viet Nam.

5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of 12 June 2018, provisional information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twenty-eighth Meeting, including representatives of the European Union, had been

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communicated to the Secretary-General by the following 43 States parties: Algeria, Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Chile, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, European Union, Gambia, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Spain, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Yemen.

6. The Chairperson proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairperson for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives of States parties participating in the twenty-eighth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 12 June 2018,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.

7. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

8. Subsequently, the Chairperson proposed that the Committee recommend to the twenty-eighth Meeting the adoption of a draft decision (see para. 10 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the twenty-eighth Meeting.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the twenty-eighth Meeting the adoption of the following draft decision:

Credentials of representatives of States parties participating in the twenty-eighth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

The twenty-eighth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea approves the report of the Credentials Committee on the understanding that the credentials of the representatives of States parties participating in the twenty-eighth Meeting will continue to be valid until the termination of the twenty-eighth Meeting, in accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure for meetings of States parties.